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The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on Thursday, August 11, at 5 p.m. The following were present: Troutman Wilson, W.W.Wier, Thomas H.Milner, Jr. Mrs. J.B.Neighbors, Mrs. Carlton James, B.Richard Bloodworth, Jr., Uly Gunn, Marvin Perry, Hugh Logan, Mrs. F.H.Mendenhall and Sarah Maret.

Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order and welcomed the new member, Mrs. James. Minutes of the last board meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Wilson reported that as to date electrical wiring for air conditioning had not been installed. He reported that he had asked contractor, Harr y Paul, to bid on installing the necessary outlets and that he had hoped that he would hear from him at an early date. Plans are to approach the county and city officials and ask them to aid in this project. It was pointed out that one unit was already in the building and that it was gift of the Pilot Club of Athens. It could not be used because of the wiring.

Chairman Wilson reported that Rowe-Wells, owner of the building in which Dunbar Branch Library is housed had finally gained title to the building and that as of August 1st, $30.00 per month rent would be charged. This expenditure had been authorized by the Chairman pending action by the Board. It was moved by Mr. Gunn that the Board ratify the action of the Chairman and that the library continue to rent the building for the Dunbar Branch. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bloodworth and was carried.

The Director reported that the Dunbar Branch was not serving the negro population of our city as well as it should due to the personnel there. It was pointed out that this was not the time to make a change in the staff. The Director reported that some few negroes were coming to the main library foe service and that they were being served in the bookmobile department. The Board felt that as long as there was no demonstration involved, service could continue as it is now being given.

Due to the crowded conditions in the main library, it was decided that consideration be given to the establishment of a branch library at Comer. Contact was to be made with the Madison County Library Board to see if anything could be worked out.

It was pointed out by the Director that bookmobile service to the schools and rural communities had been changed from a six-weeks schedule to a seven-weeks schedule, thus allowing for more stops to be established.

Discussion was held as to a suitable place to house the bookmobile department. Space occupied by the bookmobile department is needed very badly by the main library. The Chairman appointed a committee of W.W.Wier, chairman, and Uly Gunn to investigate possible places.

The Chairman said that a salary increase of $15 per month had been given to the book keeper for the library and asked the Board's ratification of this action. Mr. Milner moved that this salary increase be ratified. Mr. Wier seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

It was moved by Mr. Perry that the salary of one of the student helpers be raised from .55¢ to .60¢ per hour. Motion was seconded by Mr. Milner and carried.

Mr. MIlner, the treasurer of the library, asked that a study of the present salary scale be reviewed to see if the library is in line with other libraries in the state. The Chairman appointed a committee of Mr. Milner as Chairman and Mrs. Neighbors to investigate this matter.

Mrs. Mendenhall said that the bookmobile committee had met with Mr. Wood, Clarke County School Superintendent early in the summer to consider service to Clarke County Schools which are not now being served by the bookmobile, but thay they had no recommendations to make at this time. It was pointed out that Alps Road School, which is outside of the city limits, might be considered for service. It was pointed out that other schools which are near the library do not need to be served by the bookmobile at this time.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

Frank E. Mant

Director and Secretary

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Immediately following the meeting of the Board, Mr. Hugh Logan, Clarke County Commissioner, suggested that as a possibility for bookmobile quarters, the Board might consider the basement of the Welfare Department House, which is located at 775 Cobb Street. He said that the basement would have to be worked on, but that there was ample room in the structure to house the bookmobile department. He pointed out that the county has bought the building, so that we would be occupying county property. The Chairman reported that he would investigate the possibility of these quarters.

David C Nesbitt

Director and Secretary

December 19, 1960

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on Monday afternoon, December 19, 1960 at 5 o'clock. Present were: Troutman Wilson, W.W. Wier, Richard Bloodworth, Thomas H. Milner, Jr. and Sarah Maret.

Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Chairman reported that work on wiring the library for air-conditioning had been done by the Roberts Electric Company but that the work had not been completed.

The Chairman reported also that the County Commissioners had agreed to allow the library to have quarters for the bookmobile in the basement of the Welfare office at 775 Cobb Street. The agreement was that the County would fix up the basement and would rent it to the library for $40.00 per month. The county engineer had been urged to complete the project but it was reported that nothing had been done to date. The Director was advised to keep after the engineer until the work was completed.

The Director reported that book service to Clarke County Junior High School was begun in November. Some 400 books were deposited in the school library. These books will remain in the school library for a "long term" loan. Alps Road Elementary School was visited by the library personnel and plans are underway to place a deposit of books at this school in the near future.

The budget for 1961 was discussed. The chairman appointed a budget committee composed of Messers Bloodworth, Wier and Milner to assist him with the budget. It was noted by the Chairman that additional funds would be needed in 1961 for the operation of the library and that raises in salary for some of the staff members were needed.

It was noted that the bookmobile was badly in need of paint. Bids from the following were read: C.A. Trussel Motors Co. $125.00; J. Swanton Ivy $150.00. Due to the size of the unit to be painted no bid had been submitted by Silvey Motor Company and the University Chevrolet Company. Mr. Yearwood has said he would do the lettering on the sides of the bookmobile for .30 per 4 inch letter and .05 additional per inch for other letters. It was moved by Mr. Bloodworth that C.A. Trussell Motor Company's bid be accepted. Motion seconded by Mr. Wier. Motion carried.

A comparison of the salaries of the non-professional staff of the Athens Library and of the libraries in Decatur and Gainesville was made. It was the opinion of the board that if some raise could be given our staff members, our salary scale might compare favorably with those of other libraries in the state.

It was moved by Mr. Milner and seconded by Mr. Wier that a Christmas supplement of $25.00 be given to all full-time employees of the library and that $15.00 be given to part-time employees. The amount to be given to the hourly workers would be determined by the Chairman and the Director. Motion carried.

There was no other business. The meeting was adjourned.

Sarah E. Marit
Director + Secretary